

<sup>1</sup> After this, Jesus revealed Himself again to His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed Himself in this way:

<sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called “Twin”), Nathanael from Cana of Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two others of His disciples were together.

<sup>3</sup> “I’m going fishing,” Simon Peter said to them.

“We’re coming with you,” they told him. They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> When daybreak came, Jesus stood on the shore. However, the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> “Men,” Jesus called to them, “you don’t have any fish, do you?”

“No,” they answered.

<sup>6</sup> “Cast the net on the right side of the boat,” He told them, “and you’ll find some.” So they did, and they were unable to haul it in because of the large number of fish. <sup>7</sup> Therefore the disciple, the one Jesus loved, said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tied his outer garment around him (for he was stripped) and plunged into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But since they were not far from land (about 100 yards away), the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. <sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread.

<sup>10</sup> “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus told them. <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter got up and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish—153 of them. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup> “Come and have breakfast,” Jesus told them. None of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” agape

“Yes, Lord,” he said to Him, “You know that I love You.” phileo

#### To what area has the narrative now shifted? Why?

- Tiberias = Galilee
- Jesus instructed His disciples to go there and wait for Him (Mt. 28:10).

#### Why do you think Peter (and the others) went fishing? What was the result?

- Often, when you don’t know what to do, the easiest thing to do is to go back to what you do know. In this case, Peter knows fishing.
- They didn’t catch anything.
  - “Can’t win for losin’...”

#### Why do you think John suddenly knew the identity of the person speaking?

- A similar event had already occurred before Jesus called the disciples (Lk. 5).
  - John most likely “connected the dots” with this event and the previous one.

#### What is Peter’s reaction? Why do you think he reacted this way?

- He jumps in the water to get to Jesus as quickly as possible.
- The reason may have multiple related layers:
  - Peter has been “spinning his wheels” since the last chapter.
  - He loves the Lord and literally jumps at the chance to be with Him.
  - There is still some unresolved conflict between Peter and the Lord. Maybe Peter is anxious to speak to Him alone for a moment.

#### Is there any significance to the amount of fish?

- Jesus has prepared a few and has given the disciples many more (153 large fish).
  - Foreshadowing what is to come?

#### Jesus is about to ask Peter seemingly the same question three times. Why?

- Presumably connected with Peter’s three denials.

#### Who/what are “these”?

- Possibly the other disciples? (cf Mt. 26:33; Mk. 14:29)

“Feed My lambs,” He told him.

<sup>16</sup> A second time He asked him, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?”  
agape

“Yes, Lord,” he said to Him, “You know that I love You.”  
phileo

“Shepherd My sheep,” He told him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?”  
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Peter was grieved that He asked him the third time, “Do you love Me?” He said, “Lord, You know everything! You know that I love You.”  
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“Feed My sheep,” Jesus said. <sup>18</sup> “I assure you: When you were young, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don’t want to go.”

<sup>19</sup> He said this to signify by what kind of death he would glorify God. After saying this, He told him, “Follow Me!”

<sup>20</sup> So Peter turned around and saw the disciple Jesus loved following them. That disciple was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and asked, “Lord, who is the one that’s going to betray You?” <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord—what about him?”

<sup>22</sup> “If I want him to remain until I come,” Jesus answered, “what is that to you? As for you, follow Me.”

<sup>23</sup> So this report spread to the brothers that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not tell him that he would not die, but, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

<sup>25</sup> And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if they were written one by one, I suppose not even the world itself could contain the books that would be written.

#### Agape/Phileo

- Agape – “discriminating affection that shows choice and selection”
- Phileo – “warm affection in intimate friendship, characterized by tender, heartfelt consideration and kinship”

#### tie your belt; tie you

- It’s possible that Peter may be putting his clothes back on at this point.
- Jesus uses the imagery to tell Peter what is to come.

#### Does this description of Peter’s fate in some way parallel to what Jesus had already done?

- There are definitely some similarities in concept.
- Notice the end result: “...he would glorify God.”
  - 13:31 – Jesus indicates that Judas’ betrayal has begun His glorification.
    - It is right after this that Peter’s denial is predicted.